

other papers within and without the State at their discretion.

MR. K. T. SATYANARAYANA SETTY (Kadur Rural).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have perused a series of screen articles that appeared in "Praja Mitra" under the heading "The Bhatkal Harbour Scheme" from the pen of Mr. T. Paramasiva Iyer;

(2) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Durbar is going to send an official delegation out of India in this connection;

(3) if so, who are all the gentlemen that constitute the delegation;

(4) (a) whether the Government have fully investigated the possibilities and success of the scheme;

(b) if so, whether they will place the facts before the House for information;

(5) for what purpose the delegation is going out;

(6) whether the Government have got the estimate of the scheme prepared;

(7) if so, what is the estimated cost of this Bhatkal Harbour Scheme;

(8) Mr. Paramasiva Iyer has stated in his articles that the scheme will be a failure. Will the Government join issue with him?

(9) if the scheme is undertaken and completed, what is the probable return that the Government expect to get on the outlay.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—40. (1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) Government have no such intention.

(3), (4) and (5) In view of the above answer, these questions do not arise.

(6) and (7) Alternative rough estimates were prepared in 1919. The cost of one of the schemes was estimated at Rs. 99·84 lakhs (and with certain extensions, Rs. 144·00 lakhs).

The other scheme was estimated to cost Rs. 118·5 lakhs in the first instance and Rs. 169·80 lakhs when the extensions were completed. In addition to this, the cost of constructing a Railway line from Aresalu to Bhatkal was estimated at Rs. 144·56 lakhs.

(8) and (9) The above estimates have not been revised and brought up-to-date, and until this is done no opinion can be formed of the probable return on the outlay. There is no idea of taking up the scheme in the immediate future.

MR. C. SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa Rural).—

Q.—41. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the various taluks which the Chief Conservator of Forests visited during his malnad tour ;

(b) the various difficulties and inconveniences brought to his notice by raiyats in forest matters in each taluk, if any, and arrangements made by him to redress the grievances.

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—41. (a) Arkalgud, Chickmagalur, Koppa, Thirthahalli, Shimoga, Kumsi and Sagar.

(b) There were no representations of any general character from Arkalgud, Chickmagalur, Thirthahalli, Shimoga, Kumsi and Sagar Taluks.

The following were the requests made by the people of Koppa.—

(1) Affording facilities in regard to grazing.

(2) Modification of the rules in regard to timber removed from the District Forests under the Malnad Raiyats' Privileges Rules.

(3) Permission to remove canes free from the State Forests.

As regards these requests the attention of the member is invited to Government Order No. G. 10160-1—Ft. 224-27-4, dated 5th March 1928, passing orders in the matter. (*Vide* Appendix V.)

MESSRS. G. KARIANNA, and B. RANGARAJAIYA (Minority Interests).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total population of Uppar (Melsakre, ಪುಲ್ಕಿ ಕ್ರೈಯವರ, community in the State; (the number of men, women, boys and girls of the total population may be furnished);

(2) the number of boys and girls of this community studying in schools and colleges in the State;